

**REMARKS**

Applicants have amended their claims in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application. Specifically, Applicants have cancelled non-elected claims 1-9, 11-16, 18-30, 32-43, 45-49, 56-59, 66-69, 76-79 and 81-86 without prejudice or disclaimer, and in particular without prejudice to the filing of a Divisional application directed to the subject matter thereof. It is noted that in Item 1 on page 2 of the Office Action mailed February 5, 2010, the Examiner has indicated that claims 17, 31, 44, 60-65, 70-75 and 80 are to be rejoined; and, accordingly, these claims have been maintained in the above-identified application with the indicator "original" or "previously presented", as appropriate.

The obviousness-type double patenting rejection of claims 10, 50-55 and 87-92 (not "87-82" as set forth on page 3 of the Office Action mailed February 5, 2010), on page 3 of the Office Action mailed February 5, 2010, is noted. In response thereto, Applicants respectfully submit the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer. In view of the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that the obviousness-type double patenting rejection is moot.

The enclosed Terminal Disclaimer is being submitted in order to facilitate proceedings in connection with the above-identified application, so as to achieve earliest possible issuance of a U.S. patent based thereon. It is respectfully submitted that the filing of this Terminal Disclaimer does not constitute an admission as to the propriety of, or agreement with, the obviousness-type double patenting rejection; and does not constitute an admission as to the propriety of, or agreement with, arguments made by the Examiner in connection with the obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

In view of indications by the Examiner in the Office Action mailed February 5, 2010, and in view of the presently submitted Terminal Disclaimer, it is respectfully submitted that all remaining claims in the application should now be allowed. Allowance of all remaining claims, and passing of the above-identified application to issue in due course, are respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Kindly charge any shortage of fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including any extension of time fees, to the Deposit Account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Account No. 01-2135 (case 511.44961X00), and please credit any overpayments to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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